

Summer Village of South View

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 13** – Tax Notice Mail Out
- June 30** – Tax Payment Deadline
- July 1** – 18% Tax Penalty (Current Year Unpaid Taxes)
- July 12** – Assessment Complaint Deadline
- January 1** – 18% Tax Penalty (Total Tax Arrears)

Mayors Message,

A pleasant winter has come and gone and our thoughts begin to ponder on the upcoming summer months.

Last year brought to the Village a new boat launch. It is wider and longer by about 15 feet from the old launch. Unfortunately, with the lack of moisture, it may still be too shallow for some yet.

We also dedicated a new park area with the intent to recognize those who give freely of their time and efforts to make our Summer Village a better place to be. We hope to level the area and put picnic tables and a couple of horseshoe pits this summer.

'Recognition Park's' first recipient is Mr. John Berg. For those that were unable to attend the opening, the dedication was provided by a dear friend to many and was as follows:

"John Berg was born in 1932 on a farm near Pilger Saskatchewan. John was the second of three children born to Frank Berg and Lena Bayda. His mother passed away when John was three years old. John left home when he was sixteen with twenty dollars he had borrowed from his brother Mike. He worked at ranching, farming, logging, carpentry and in the oil patch. He also joined the boxing club at Drayton Valley and had success at that as well. In 1960, John moved to Lake Isle and stayed with Anker and Nellie Satermo. He made a deal with Anker to build seven row boats in exchange for a piece of property in what is now, the Summer Village of Southview. He later bought three more lots in 1962 and moved a cabin he had built near Drayton Valley onto his lot at Lake Isle. John started a ski school in 1965 at the west end of the summer village in Ankerville. He was an innovator in dry land training and eventually coached Alberta's Team at the Canada Games and brought home medals, including Gold. He operated his ski school for ten years. In 1978, he started his Building Supply and Second Hand business. In 1980, John started planting and caring for trees. Over the next fifteen years, he planted over three hundred trees throughout the Summer Village, beautifying the place he calls home. In 2008, John decided to close down his business through a series of auction sales. His last sale was in 2014 and he officially retired in 2015. Thank you John."

To all our residents, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Mayor, Sandi Benford

Bylaw Enforcement/ Community Peace Officer/ Animal Control/ RCMP

The Summer Village currently contracts Peace Officer/Bylaw Enforcement/Animal Control services through a joint agreement with the Town of Mayerthorpe. Residents can contact this office directly at 1-844-786-4650 or by email at bylaw@mayerthorpe.ca. A reminder that if you have an emergency pertaining to Police, Fire or Ambulance, you must dial 9-1-1 (the non-emergency RCMP line is 780-727-4446).

Animal Control Bylaw



Animal Control Bylaw No.143 will be strictly enforced. In accordance with this bylaw:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times,
- Dogs must be picked up after,
- Dogs must not be allowed to excessively howl and bark,
- Owners must not harbor more than two small pets of one kind.

A few reminders that all dogs within the boundaries of the Summer Village must be controlled and on a leash at all times, including in the park and reserve areas. There is currently no off-leash area for dogs. Please take responsibility for your animal's waste as we have many residents who enjoy walking throughout the Summer Village.

UNTIDY/UNSIGHTLY AND NON-COMPLIANT PROPERTIES

Council is continually working with the Summer Village's Development and Bylaw Officers to deal with a handful of non-compliant properties to ensure they are brought onsite to comply with the bylaws of our Municipality. As residents, please be advised that these processes can take time to administer properly.

Unfortunately fires can happen – be sure you are covered!

Did you know that the average cost of fire suppression by any fire department can be approximately five to fifteen thousand dollars for a structure fire and is payable by the property owner to the fire suppression provider? Did you know that if a fire department responds to any other sort of fire (grass, lawn, burn barrel, home alarm - even if it is false) that there will also be a cost?



Will your insurance cover these costs? What does your policy say?

Be sure you take a look at your home insurance policy or talk to your insurance agent. Some insurance companies do not insure for fire equipment in the case of a fire, and some include up to two thousand dollars with an option for you to increase that coverage for a very reasonable additional cost. Ask your provider if your policy covers grassland, fire suppression and call-out costs.

SPEEDING

Adherence to the Summer Village speed limits are imperative for the safety of everyone. **Speeding along Oscar Wikstrom Drive is especially a concern. The speed limit throughout the Summer Village is 30km/hour and lanes/alleys are 15km/hour.**

Yellowhead Rural Crime Watch

Regular general meetings for 2016 are on April 12, June 14, September 13 and November 8. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Subscription dues are \$30.00 per year.

For more information on Yellowhead Rural Crime Watch visit our website at www.summervillageofsouthview.com

Summer Village Waste Disposal Bins

Residents are not authorized to dispose of building/construction waste, barbeques, mattresses, bikes etc. into the Summer Village waste bins as these items are to be taken to the Highway 43 Waste Commission Regional Landfill Site located on highway 43 and RR35. A reminder that grass clippings take up less room if they are removed from bags. Only regular household waste is allowed. Unauthorized dumping will result in the person dumping being invoiced the cost of one bin lift.

LILSA (Lake Isle & Lac Ste Anne) Water Quality Management Society

WORKSHOPS 2016

The goal of the LILSA Society is to help improve the quality of the lakes through in- and out-of-water solutions.

For more information or to become a member, visit our website at www.lilsa.ca, like our Facebook page, call us at 1-587-772-1513, e-mail us at lilsawaterquality@gmail.com or attend one of our events:

Flowering Rush Info Session, Saturday, June 18, 9:30 to 11:30 am at Fallis Hall

Good Backyard Practices, Saturday, July 16, 9:30 - 11:30 am at Gunn Hall

AGM and State of the Watershed Report, Saturday, August 20, 9:30 to 11:30 am at Agliplex, Alberta Beach.

For more information contact us or visit our website.

FIRE SERVICES

Please be advised that effective January 1st, 2016, the Summer Village of South View has been receiving its Fire Services from North West Fire Rescue instead of from Lac Ste. Anne County Fire Services.

North West Fire Rescue is an Onoway-based industrial fire service which has now expanded into municipal fire services.

The Summer Village welcomes Dave Ives and his professional team to our municipal services operation.

There has been no change or disruption in how you obtain a fire services response - you will still dial 9-1-1.

The Summer Village thanks Lac Ste. Anne County and the volunteer members of the County Fire Services for the years of service.

BOAT HOISTS & PIERS

To facilitate park maintenance in the summer months and to ensure safety of all users during the winter months, boat hoists and piers are required to be removed from all park reserve areas to private property. Failure to do so may result in the Summer Village having the items removed or towed.

WEED HARVESTING - LIAMS

If you are interested in having weed harvesting done through the Lake Isle Aquatic Management Society in front of your property, please contact Sandi Benford at 780-892-4603. Weed harvesting usually takes place the end of June, beginning of July (pending provincial and federal approvals) the cost last year was approximately \$230.00. Mark your calendars - LIAMS Annual General Meeting – Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lutheran Seniors Centre (RR 62 and Hwy 633).

SUMMER VILLAGE CONTACT INFO

General

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General Administration Office 587-873-5765
Assessor, Dan Kanuka 780-939-3310
Development Officer, Karen Kormos 780-905-7377
Building/Electrical/Gas/Plumbing Permits:
Superior Safety Codes 780-489-4777
Call Before You Dig 1-800-242-3447
RCMP Drug Tip Line 780-968-7212
RCMP Non-Emergency (Evansburg) 780-727-4446
Peace Officer/Animal Control/Bylaw Enforcement 1-844-786-4650
Environment Hotline 1-800-222-6514

Council Members

Mayor Sandi Benford 780-892-4603
Deputy Mayor Brian Johnson 780-984-0079
Deputy Mayor Garth Ward 780-968-1061

Municipal Addressing Signs

Last year the Summer Village completed its Wildfire Mitigation Strategy & Preparedness Guide. One recommendation from the strategy was to ensure all residential properties had clear, uniform and highly visible municipal addressing signs in order to improve emergency response times, which ultimately helps improve the safety of the residents in the community. The Summer Village has been approved for a provincial grant for the purchase and installation of these signs. This very important project will take place this summer where you will see the installation of consistently-sized and placed addressing signs on municipal property in front of the associated residence.

Are you interested in volunteering or know someone that is?

Summer Village of South View is looking for Community minded volunteers for:

- 1) Emergency Response Team**
- 2) Firesmart Committee**
- 3) Wildfire Mitigation Committee**

Check the Summer Village website at www.summervillageofsouthview.com for more information.

PROPERTY TAXES

Your property taxes

The overall average property tax bill increased from last year 3.1%. The Summer Village collects taxes annually to meet the projected costs of providing services to the community. These revenues are received through grants, a municipal services tax, and the municipal portion of property taxes. Other amounts collected on your annual tax bill are collected on behalf of the Lac Ste. Anne Seniors Foundation and the Alberta School Foundation Fund.

Paying Your Property Taxes

Payment of taxes can be made by mail, online or in person.

If paying by mail:

Please make cheque payable to the Summer Village of South View and mail to:

Box 8

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If paying online:

You will be required to set the Summer Village of South View up as a “Bill Payment” through your on-line banking. The account number will be your “tax roll number” as shown on your 2016 combined Tax and Assessment Notice.

The summer village is currently registered with the following financial institutions:

ATB FINANCIAL

BMO

CIBC

SERVUS CREDIT UNION

PC FINANCIAL

SCOTIA BANK

TD CANADA TRUST

Property taxes are due June 30, 2016

ASSESSMENT

Property assessment services are contracted to Municipal Assessment Services Group. The firm can be contacted at 780-939-3310 with any questions you may have regarding the assessed value of your property.

What is a Property Assessment?

Each year, the Assessors will inspect certain properties within the Municipality. The property assessment is the estimated market value of your property which is used to calculate property taxes. Assessors do not create your property value, nor does Council. The market determines the value of your property, and that value is the basis for the assessment and is then used to calculate your property taxes.

What If I Disagree with My Assessment?

Remember, you can only make a complaint against your assessment value, not your tax dollars or tax rates and you must have grounds for your complaint. New legislation allows you 60 days from the date of your assessment notice to make an assessment complaint. **The assessment complaint deadline for the**

Summer Village of South View is July 12th, 2016. There is a fee of \$50.00 that must accompany a completed assessment complaint form which is available on the website www.summervillageofsouthview.com or by contacting the office at 587-873-5765. Prior to completing the assessment complaint form, please contact the assessor to first discuss the matter of your assessment (not your tax dollars) – Dan Kanuka – 780-939-3310.

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE SPOTTED A QUAGGA OR ZEBRA MUSSEL?

Report it to Alberta's invasive species hotline at 1 855 336 BOAT (2628).

Quagga and zebra mussels move from lake to lake by attaching themselves to boats and other recreational equipment. Quagga mussels are found in various parts of North America, such as in the Colorado River system in the US, a popular destination for Alberta snowbirds. Zebra mussels were discovered in Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba in October 2013.

Here's how to keep Alberta waters free of aquatic invasive species, and keep your boat and recreational equipment in ship-shape.

Boaters

Clean, Drain, Dry Your Boat!

Clean

- Clean and inspect watercraft, trailer and gear
- Remove all plants, animals, and mud at the access area or dock
- At home, soak your gear in a bleach solution for at least one minute
- Rinse, scrub or pressure wash your boat away from storm drains, ditches or waterways

Drain

- On land, before leaving the waterbody, drain all water from:
 - Bait buckets
 - Ballasts
 - Bilges
 - Coolers
 - Internal compartments
 - Livewells, etc



Dry

- Dry the watercraft and gear completely between trips and allow the wet areas of your boat to air dry
- Leave compartments open and sponge out standing water.

Off-Highway vehicle users

Remove any vegetation or clumps of mud or debris from the vehicle and thoroughly clean the underside of vehicles, tires and parts before moving to another area.

What's the government of Alberta doing about aquatic invasive species?

Environment and Parks is working closely with a variety of stakeholders. Together, we have developed a program that includes these components:

- Monitoring
- Rapid response planning
- Education and outreach
- Watercraft inspections
- Policy

